

IN RECOGNITION OF THE VETERANS OUTREACH CLINIC IN PLYMOUTH

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the opening of the new Veterans Outreach Clinic in Plymouth.

Our veterans in the South Shore of Massachusetts have long been calling for a local veterans' medical center of their own. After many years of working toward achieving this goal, the Department of Veterans Affairs' regional office in Boston was proud to announce that they would be opening a new Veterans Outreach Clinic in the Town of Plymouth. For the first time, veterans in the Plymouth area will no longer need to travel to Cape Cod, Brockton, or Boston in order to receive care. In particular, this new addition to the VA Boston Healthcare system will make a tremendous difference to those unable to seek medical care due to limited mobility or transportation resources. As approximately 40,000 veterans live in Plymouth County alone, the new Veterans Outreach Clinic will go a long way towards providing the quality care that our veterans deserve without overburdening them with long travel.

When the Veterans Outreach Clinic opens next spring, it will already have the capacity to care for up to six hundred patients. A doctor, a nurse, an LPN, and a medical assistant will be on hand five days a week to treat veterans and to assist them with the various challenges that they may face. It is essential that we do not forget the sacrifices that our veteran population has made for our country. We must continue to care for these men and women once they return home, and ensuring access to medical services is a necessary facet of the long-term care that our veterans deserve.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me great pride to recognize the opening of the new Veterans Outreach Clinic in Plymouth. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the importance of this new facility, and of the valuable role that it will play in the lives of many local veterans.

COMMEMORATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GUADALCANAL CAMPAIGN OF WORLD WAR II

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Guadalcanal campaign of World War II.

This month, as we approach the 70th anniversary of Guadalcanal, we are reminded of the many sacrifices that brought freedom and security to the South Pacific. We reflect upon the 7,100 men who gave their lives in the Guadalcanal campaign.

Guadalcanal lasted more than six months and effectively ended the military expansion of our enemies in the South Pacific. During that time, more than 60,000 Allied personnel participated in gaining control of Guadalcanal, its

surrounding islands, and Henderson Field, a particularly important location to enemy forces. There is no doubt that this victory significantly contributed to the eventual end of the Second World War.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and remembering this great sacrifice and appreciating the advancement of freedom that came at such a high cost 70 years ago.

HONORING THE D.L. MARTIN CO.
ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the D.L. Martin Company as it celebrates its 50th anniversary on August 9th, 2012, and to recognize and honor its founder and owner, Donnie L. Martin for receiving "Business Person of the Year" in Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

The D.L. Martin Company has experienced outstanding growth since it was first founded in 1962, when Donnie Martin first purchased a 3,000 square foot machine shop in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania and hired his first two employees. D.L. Martin has now grown to over 40 acres and 150,000 square feet of manufacturing floor space and employs nearly 200 people, making it an integral business in our community.

We are proud of the resilience that the D.L. Martin Company has shown and the excellent service that it has provided to Franklin County over the last 50 years. The company has become a world class provider of heavy industrial, construction and mining equipment, and also specializes in manufacturing custom hydraulics, elevator jacks and components, and engine and transmission parts for class 8 trucks. Their commitment to quality products and customer service has not gone unnoticed to their clients or to our community.

The company is holding a celebration in Mercersburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania to commemorate its 50 years of business on August 9th, 2012. Current and former employees as well as family and friends in the community are invited to celebrate this anniversary and the promising future of D.L. Martin.

I would like to thank Donnie Martin for his service to our community and for being such an important employer to so many in our district. His integrity and strong work ethic have brought him great success thus far and have enabled his company to grow and thrive in our community. D.L. Martin continues to provide quality service and lasting jobs to the citizens of Franklin County and in other areas of Pennsylvania. As Congressman of the 9th district of Pennsylvania, I believe that their service has been very beneficial to the community and I know that they will experience continued success for many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 539, due to a travel delay stemming from yesterday's inclement weather, I was unable to cast my vote on this legislation. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE REDEDICATION OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 40 HONORING PFC EDWARD RIBIERO

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the rededication of American Legion Post 40 in Plymouth, Massachusetts, honoring PFC Edward Ribiero.

In the spring of 2010, heavy rains caused Little West Pond in Plymouth, Massachusetts to overflow, flooding American Legion Post 40. The flooding occurred not long after renovations had been completed on the Post and caused damage. The damage was so extensive that the entire building needed to be demolished. The Post's members began construction on a new, larger building in the hope of funding some construction costs by renting out their function room and gaining new members.

Even when faced with such adversity and loss, the members of American Legion Post 40 persevered. They remained committed to pushing forward the reconstruction of a new building, and did not falter. Such determination is a testament to the character and integrity of the men and women who have defended our nation both past and present, and to Post members who undertook this project.

The role of American Legion Posts cannot be understated. They remain sacred places for our veterans, playing a vital role in helping reintegrate our servicemen and women into society, especially those recently returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. That is why the rebuilding of American Legion Post 40 is such a great accomplishment. The members of the Post realized the important need for veterans to have a support community and they remained committed to ensuring that Plymouth had that in the new Post.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the members of American Legion Post 40 for their hard work and determination. I am certain Post 40 will serve the community for many years to come.

IRAN THREAT REDUCTION AND SYRIA HUMAN RIGHTS ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2012

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the amended version of H.R. 1905, the Iran Threat Reduction & Syria Human Rights Act.